**Meriden COVID-19 Response Update – Friday, October 16, 2020**
*From the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services*

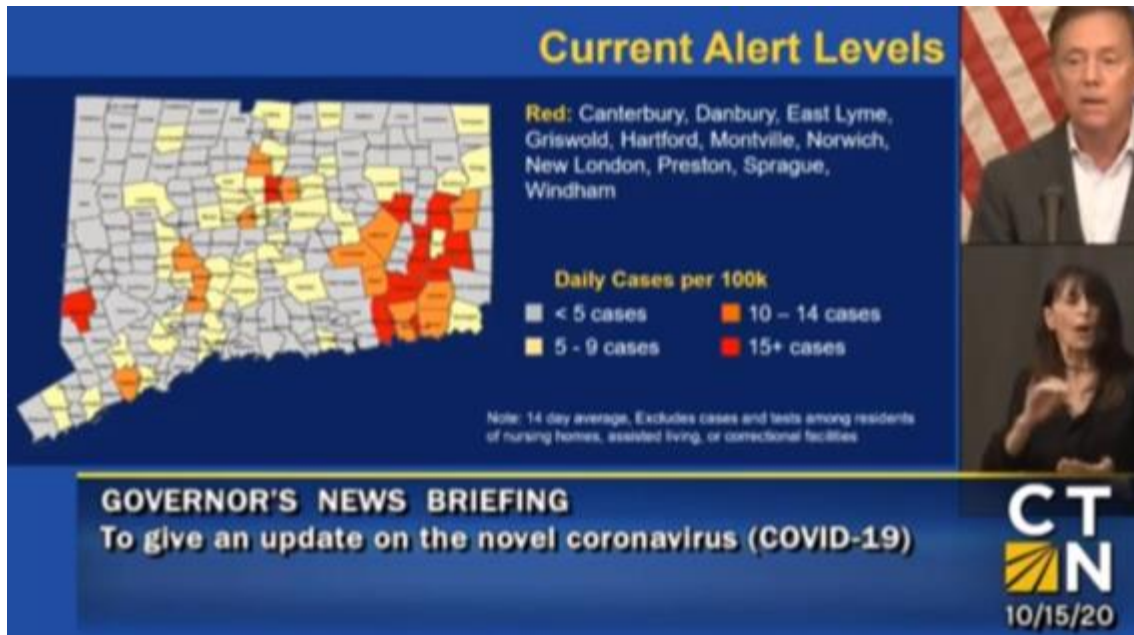==**\*\*Please note –reports will be done twice per week –
on Tuesdays and Fridays\*\***==

| City of Meriden – as of October 15 | Lab-Confirmed and Probable Cases | COVID-19 Associated Deaths |
|---|---|---|
|  | 1171 (1,132 confirmed, 39 Probable) | 81 |
| **TOTAL CASES** | 1,171 |  |

- Statewide and town-by-town case data can be viewed daily at https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus.

- Cases can be counted as confirmed or probable. Probable cases of COVID-19 involve persons who have not had confirmatory laboratory testing (RT-PCR) performed for COVID-19, but whose symptoms indicate they are likely to have a COVID-19 infection. In Connecticut, most of the probable COVID-19 cases involve persons whose death certificates list COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death.

- **Remember** – if you are identified by our office – or any local health department - as a close contact of someone that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 **please stay home** for the duration of your quarantine. Our office will give you your end of quarantine date. If you are under quarantine and go for a COVID-19 test, and the result is negative, **you still need to complete** your 14 day quarantine. This is **VERY IMPORTANT** to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community!



- Governor's Executive Order 9G was issued October 13, 2020 and contains language on:
  - Municipal authority to revert to the more restrictive pre-October 8, 2020 size and capacity limitations and rules for certain businesses and gatherings

- The Office of Early Childhood issued an updated version of Memo 29, Group Size and Mask Requirements as part of a system of protections against COVID-19.  This memo updates the allowable group size in one space to up to 18 children provided a minimum of fifty square feet of total indoor usable program space is available for each child in the group.  The expanded allowance for up to 18

children is effective October 12, 2020. Prior OEC approval to serve the additional 2 children is not required.

- On the Governor's press conference yesterday (10/15) he announced new alert levels for COVID and action steps towns/cities should take when they move to different levels. Our pictures are a little fuzzy; future reports will include clearer pictures when they are posted on the state website.





- CT School Learning Indicators are intended to assist school districts in determining the level of in-person education they will offer. They are updated weekly and released every Thursday: https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/CT-School-Reopening/ddy2-ijgu/

## Leading and secondary indicators of COVID-19 infection levels

| Risk Level | Leading Indicator | Secondary Indicators | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | New COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population per day (7-day average) | Percent test positivity (7-day average) | New COVID-19 hospitalizations per 100,000 population per day (7-day average) | Percent COVID-like illness hospital ED visits (7-day average) |
| Low: Favors more in-person learning | <10 | Trending down to flat<br>No statistically significant changes | | |
| Moderate: Favors hybrid learning | 10 - <25 | Trending flat to upward<br>Any statistically significant changes upward | | |
| High: Favors remote learning | 25+ | Trending upward<br>Consistent statistically significant changes upward | | |

## Meriden

| | New COVID-19 cases over 7-day period | New COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 of population per day | Percent Test Positivity |
|---|---|---|---|
| August 9 - August 16 | <5 | 0.7 | 0.50% |
| August 16 - August 22 | 10 | 2.4 | 0.70% |
| August 23 - August 29 | 16 | 3.8 | 0.7% |
| August 30 - September 5 | 30 | 7.2 | 1.6% |
| September 6 - 12 | 19 | 4.6 | 1.2% |
| September 13 – 19 | 17 | 4.1 | 1.4% |
| September 20-26 | 18 | 4.3 | 1.2% |
| ~~September 27-October 3~~ | ~~24~~ | ~~5.8~~ | ~~1.4%~~ |
| | New COVID-19 cases over 14-day period | New COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 of population per day | Percent Test Positivity |
| September 27 to October 10, 2020 **(note - state went to 14 day reporting this week)** | 53 | 6.4 | 1.4% |

[This dataset](#) includes a count and rate per 100,000 population for COVID-19 cases, a count of COVID-19 PCR diagnostic tests, and a percent positivity rate for tests among people living in community settings for the previous two-week period. Dates are based on date of specimen collection (cases and positivity).

A person is considered a new case only upon their first COVID-19 testing result because a case is defined as an instance or bout of illness. If they are tested again subsequently and are still positive, it still counts toward the test positivity metric but they are not considered another case.

These case and test counts do not include cases or tests among people residing in congregate settings, such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or correctional facilities.

These data are updated weekly and reflect the previous two full Sunday-Saturday (MMWR) weeks (https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nndss/document/MMWR_week_overview.pdf).

Prior to 10/15/2020, these metrics were calculated using a 7-day average rather than a 14-day average.

- Traveler Advisory: Please see the map for the locations included in the travel advisory. The requirement to self-quarantine and complete the Travel Health Form is applicable to any traveler who has spent 24 hours or longer in an affected state within 14 days prior to arriving in Connecticut. It does not include an in individual remaining in Connecticut for less than 24 hours.

  The state updates the travel advisory list every Tuesday. On October 13, 2020 Michigan, Ohio, and Virgina were added. No states were removed.
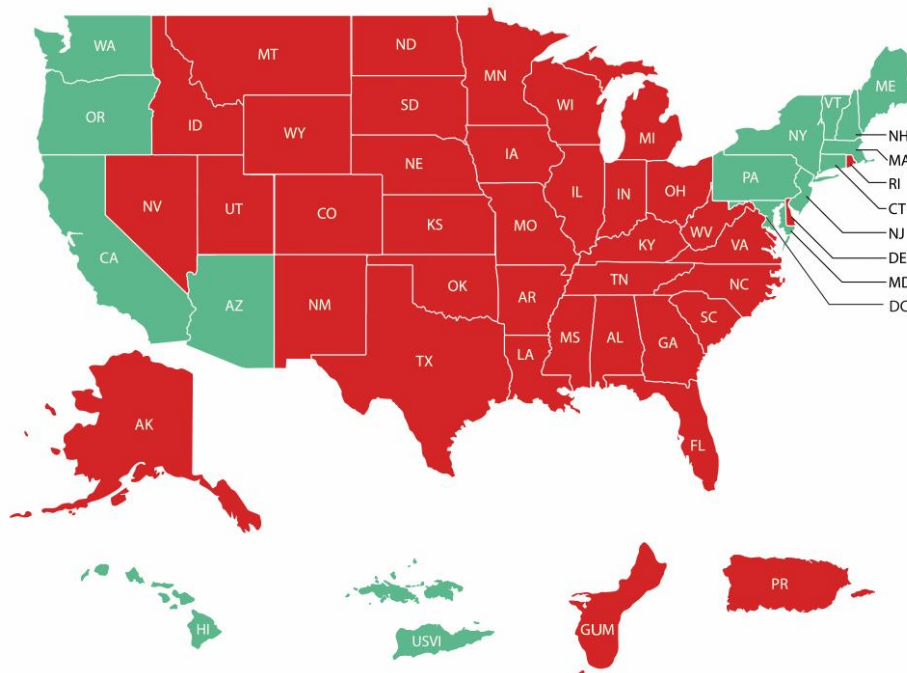


- If you are concerned about a Meriden restaurant, barbershop, or salon not following Phase 2 and 3 Reopen Sector Rules, please call our Environmental Health office at 203-630-4226. Your concerns will remain anonymous. We inspect all concerns. For all other businesses we

will pass the complaint along to the appropriate city representative for follow-up. You can also use the [online business complaint form](#) located on the ct.gov/coronavirus website.
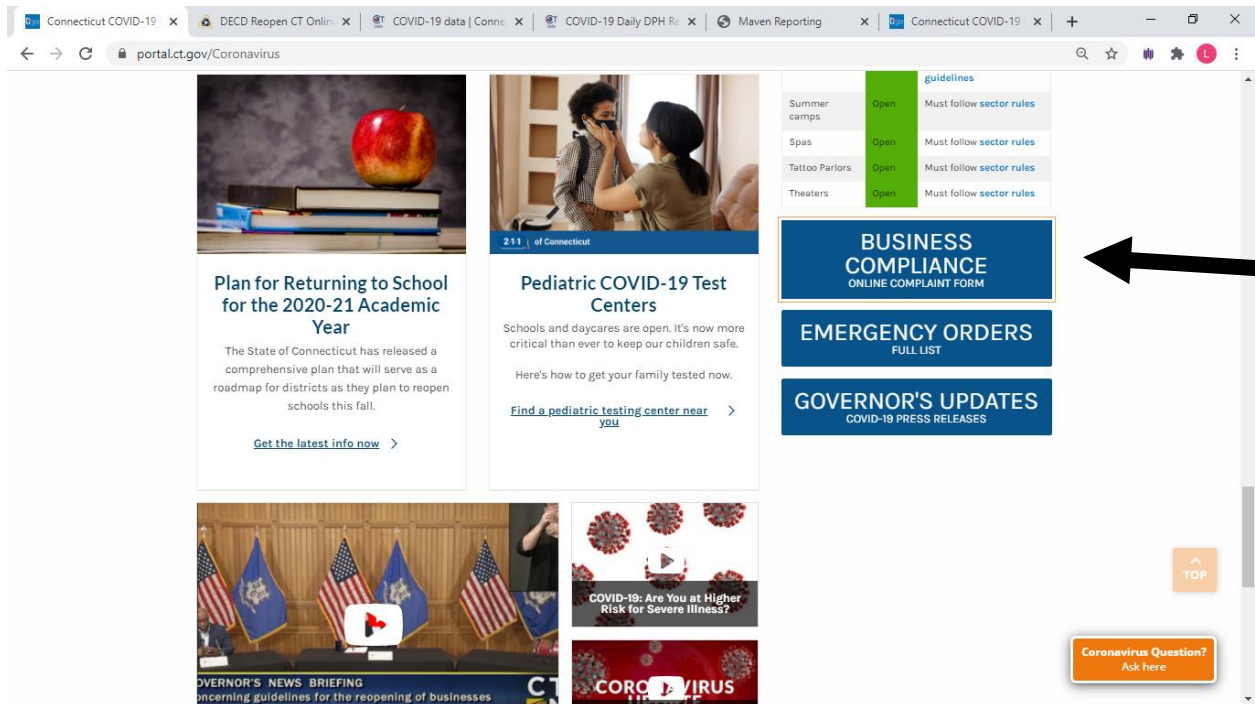


- **Thank you for answering our call!** Our office continues to use the state [ContaCT Tracing System](#) to follow up on known contacts of COVID-19 positive Meriden residents. The information collected through ContaCT will be used to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our



community. After we call you from our office, if you receive a follow up call from state volunteer contact tracer, or a text or email from CT COVID TRACE ([SVC-COVID19@ct.gov](mailto:SVC-COVID19@ct.gov)) **please reply!** Our office and the state team of contact tracing volunteers will provide you with [self-quarantine guidance for a potential COVID exposure](#). Note our office is not conducting contact tracing for those that live in congregate settings per CT DPH.

- Each week – generally on Thursdays - CT DPH publishes [town-by-town nursing home and assisted living facility data](#). Data is available on the state COVID-19 webpage for both staff and residents. Connecticut nursing homes are required by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to report on the impact of COVID-19 on their residents and staff through CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).

| Facility | # Licensed Beds | Current census (as of 10/13) | Cumulative Data reported to CT DPH through Oct. 13, 2020 | | NHSN Data Oct 7 - 13, 2020 | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | | | Cumulative # of residents with confirmed COVID-19 | Cumulative # COVID-related deaths among residents | # Residents with new confirmed COVID-19 | # New COVID-related deaths among residents |
| Apple Rehab Coccomo | 100 | 83 | 47 | 18 | 1 | 0 |
| Silver Springs Care Center | 159 | 142 | 120 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Curtis Home | 60 | 49 | 26 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Meriden Center | 130 | 96 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CT Baptists Home, Inc. | 60 | 44 | 14 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Miller Memorial Community | 90 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bradley Home | 30 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | |
| Village at Kensington Place (Assisted Living) | | 86 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**Population, Number and Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases among Persons Living in Community Settings by Town with Specimen Collection or Onset Date during September 27–October 10, 2020**

*Map does not include 18 cases pending address validation*

| Town | Pop | Cases | Rate | Town | Pop | Cases | Rate | Town | Pop | Cases | Rate |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Andover | 3231 | <5 | 4.4 | Griswold | 11591 | 29 | 17.9 | Prospect | 9790 | 20 | 14.6 |
| Ansonia | 18721 | 11 | 4.2 | Groton | 38692 | 77 | 14.2 | Putnam | 9395 | <5 | 2.3 |
| Ashford | 4261 | <5 | 3.4 | Guilford | 22216 | 5 | 1.6 | Redding | 9125 | <5 | 0.8 |
| Avon | 18302 | 15 | 5.9 | Haddam | 8222 | 11 | 9.6 | Ridgefield | 25008 | 13 | 3.7 |
| Barkhamsted | 3624 | 0 | 0.0 | Hamden | 60940 | 45 | 5.3 | Rocky Hill | 20145 | 13 | 4.6 |
| Beacon Falls | 6182 | <5 | 1.2 | Hampton | 1853 | 0 | 0.0 | Roxbury | 2160 | <5 | 3.3 |
| Berlin | 20432 | 11 | 3.8 | Hartford | 122587 | 307 | 17.9 | Salem | 4123 | 8 | 13.9 |
| Bethany | 5479 | 10 | 13.0 | Hartland | 2120 | 0 | 0.0 | Salisbury | 3598 | <5 | 2 |
| Bethel | 19714 | 11 | 4.0 | Harwinton | 5430 | <5 | 3.9 | Scotland | 1685 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethlehem | 3422 | <5 | 2.1 | Hebron | 9482 | 9 | 6.8 | Seymour | 16509 | 20 | 8.7 |
| Bloomfield | 21301 | 32 | 10.7 | Kent | 2785 | 0 | 0.0 | Sharon | 2703 | <5 | 2.6 |
| Bolton | 4890 | <5 | 1.5 | Killingly | 17287 | 12 | 5.0 | Shelton | 41097 | 30 | 5.2 |
| Bozrah | 2537 | <5 | 11.3 | Killingworth | 6370 | <5 | 2.2 | Sherman | 3614 | 0 | 0 |
| Branford | 28005 | 13 | 3.3 | Lebanon | 7207 | 12 | 11.9 | Simsbury | 24979 | 11 | 3.1 |
| Bridgeport | 144900 | 136 | 6.7 | Ledyard | 14736 | 23 | 11.1 | Somers | 10834 | 13 | 8.6 |
| Bridgewater | 1641 | <5 | 4.4 | Lisbon | 4248 | 5 | 8.4 | South Windsor | 26054 | 18 | 4.9 |
| Bristol | 60032 | 57 | 6.8 | Litchfield | 8127 | 8 | 7.0 | Southbury | 19656 | 10 | 3.6 |
| Brookfield | 17002 | 6 | 2.5 | Lyme | 2338 | 0 | 0.0 | Southington | 43807 | 25 | 4.1 |
| Brooklyn | 8280 | 8 | 6.9 | Madison | 18106 | 5 | 2.0 | Sprague | 2889 | 7 | 17.3 |
| Burlington | 9665 | 5 | 3.7 | Manchester | 57699 | 54 | 6.7 | Stafford | 11884 | 7 | 4.2 |
| Canaan | 1055 | 0 | 0.0 | Mansfield | 25817 | 29 | 8.0 | Stamford | 129775 | 110 | 6.1 |
| Canterbury | 5100 | 12 | 16.8 | Marlborough | 6358 | <5 | 2.2 | Sterling | 3780 | <5 | 1.9 |
| Canton | 10270 | <5 | 2.1 | Meriden | 59540 | 53 | 6.4 | Stonington | 18449 | 19 | 7.4 |
| Chaplin | 2256 | <5 | 6.3 | Middlebury | 7731 | 6 | 5.5 | Stratford | 51967 | 36 | 4.9 |
| Cheshire | 29179 | 31 | 7.6 | Middlefield | 4380 | 0 | 0.0 | Suffield | 15743 | 15 | 6.8 |
| Chester | 4229 | <5 | 3.4 | Middletown | 46146 | 33 | 5.1 | Thomaston | 7560 | <5 | 1.9 |

*Source of the above: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/CTDPHCOVID19summary10082020.pdf*
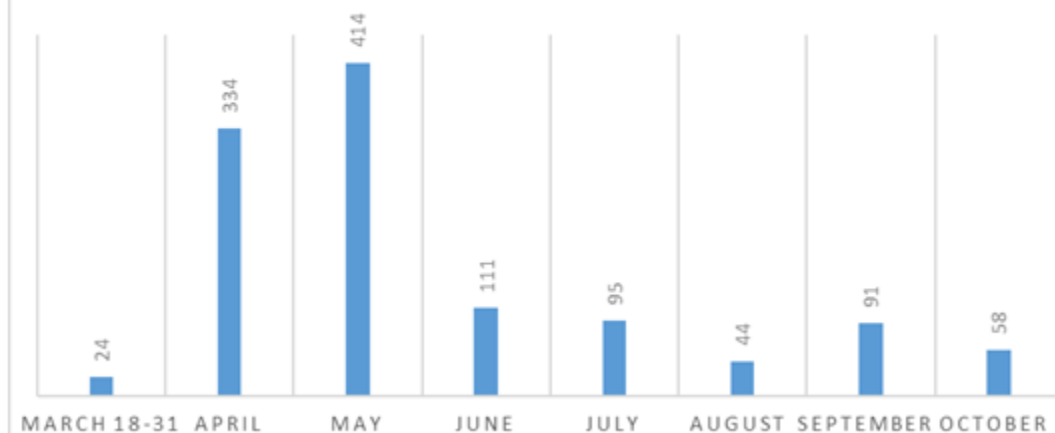
**Connecticut COVID-19 Data Tracker**

TOTAL POSITIVE CASES: 62,028 | TESTS REPORTED: 1,932,064 | CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED: 191 | DEATHS: 4,540
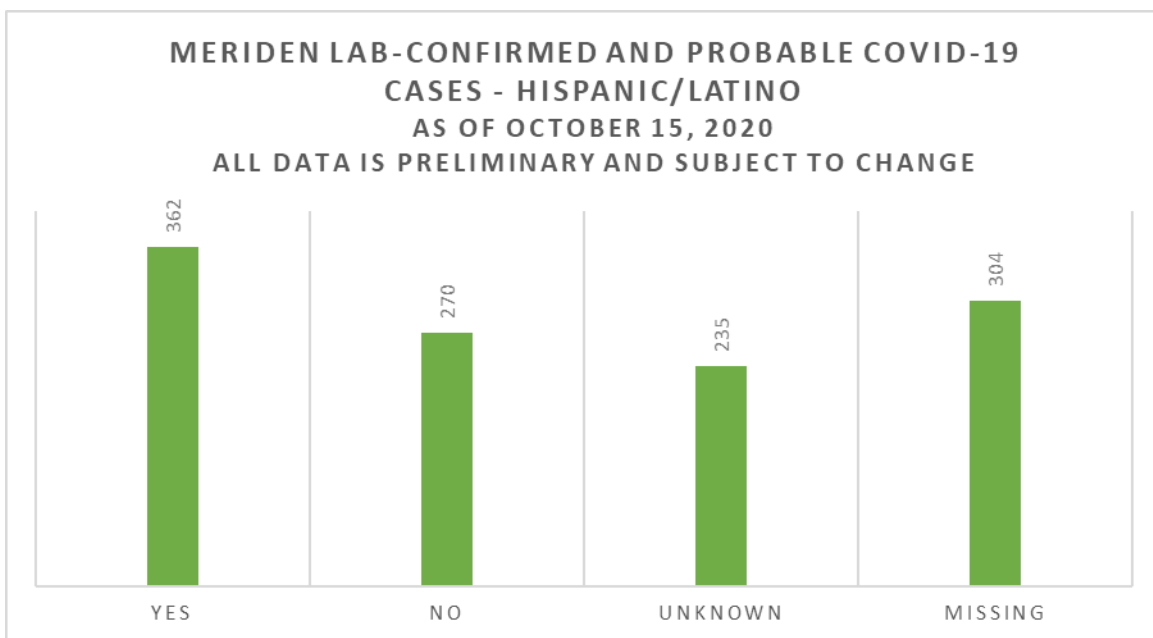
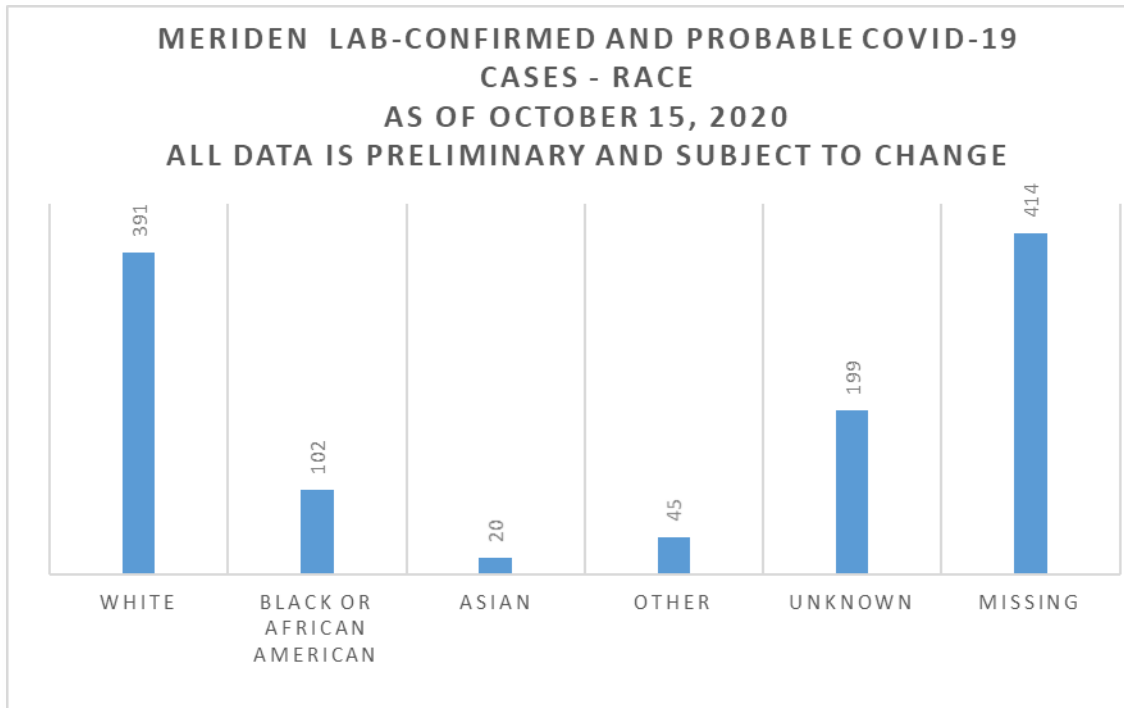Meriden Lab-Confirmed and Probable COVID-19 Cases September 1, 2020 - Present
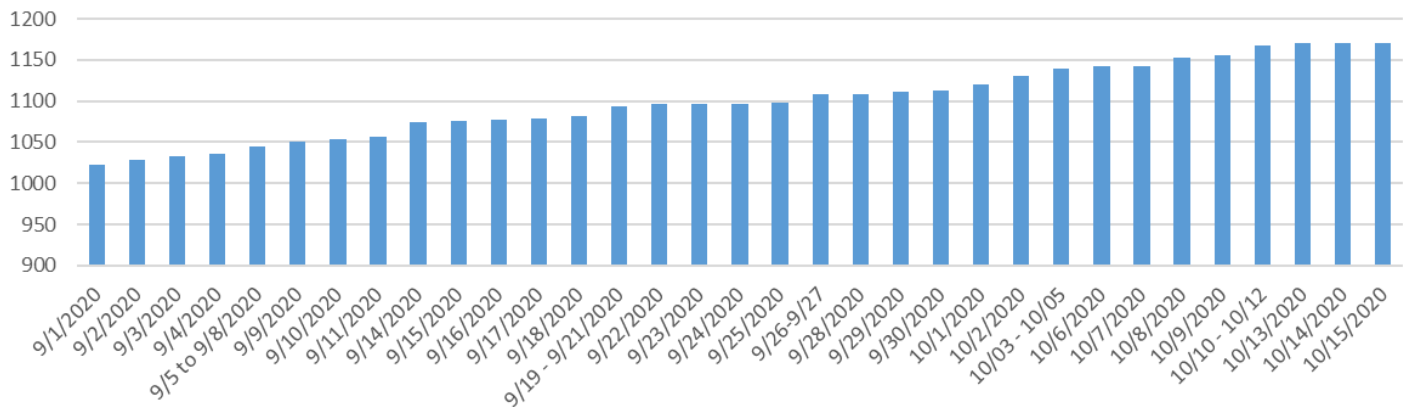


MERIDEN COVID-19 CASES BY MONTH

We are noticing family spread and small gatherings with friends and family to be the main source of COVID-19 spread in our community. Please continue to wear your face mask and continue to main social distancing when out in public and with those who are not a part of your household!

**MERIDEN LAB-CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE COVID-19
CASES - RACE
AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020
ALL DATA IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

| WHITE | BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN | ASIAN | OTHER | UNKNOWN | MISSING |
|-------|---------------------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|
| 391 | 102 | 20 | 45 | 199 | 414 |

**MERIDEN LAB-CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE COVID-19
CASES - HISPANIC/LATINO
AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020
ALL DATA IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

| YES | NO | UNKNOWN | MISSING |
|-----|-----|---------|---------|
| 362 | 270 | 235 | 304 |

*All data in this report is preliminary and subject to change. Test results may be reported several days after the results.*

**PLEASE** do not lose sight of **practicing the everyday preventive actions** below. They are simple and *they work:*

- If you are older or have a serious chronic illness, please avoid crowds.
- Practice social distancing, and follow these guidelines when running essential errands.
- If you must go out and social distancing is hard to maintain, the CDC recommends wearing a cloth face covering.

- If you have visitors to your home, follow the Governor's guidelines on gatherings to reduce risk of disease transmission.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue; throw out the tissue in a lined trash container.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid hand shaking or elbow bumps – wave hello instead.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily. These include tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles using a regular household detergent and water. Then, disinfect the surface and object using an EPA approved product.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Always wash your hands with soap and water if your hands are visibly dirty.
- Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious foods.

**COVID-19 continues to be a rapidly changing public health issue.** We urge Meriden residents to stay informed. Please visit the following websites often:
- CDC Coronavirus website – www.cdc.gov.
- CT Department of Public Health website: https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus.
- City updates are being posted at https://www.meridenct.gov/covid-19-information/

In addition, there are 2 local hotlines for information:
- Individuals who have general questions that are not answered on the websites above can call 2-1-1 for assistance. The information line is available 24 hours a day and has multilingual assistance and TDD/TTY access for those with a hearing impairment. The hotline is only intended to be used by individuals who are not experiencing symptoms but may have general questions related to COVID-19. Anyone experiencing symptoms is strongly urged to contact their medical provider to seek treatment.
- Hartford Healthcare COVID-19 Hotline: 1-833-621-0600. This line is staffed 24/7 by medical professionals.

**TESTING INFORMATION:** Here is the link to testing sites in Connecticut, provided by Infoline 211: https://tinyurl.com/yax8yg4p